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In re application of: Verrips  
Serial No.: 09/880,199  
Filed: June 13, 2001  
For: LACTOBACILLUS CONTAINING PRODUCT

Group: 1761  
Examiner: K. Hendricks  
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
[ ] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

#### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|   | (2) * Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment |       | (4)** Highest No.<br>Previously Paid For | (5) Present<br>Extra | (6) Rate  | (7) Additional Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Total Claims                            | 20   | Minus | 20                                       | —                    | \$ 18.00  | —                  |
| Independent Claims                      | 5  | Minus | 4  | 1                    | \$ 84.00  | 84.00              |
| Multiple Claims                         |  |       |  |                      | \$ 280.00 | —                  |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT |  |       |  |                      | \$        | 84.00              |

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[X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;

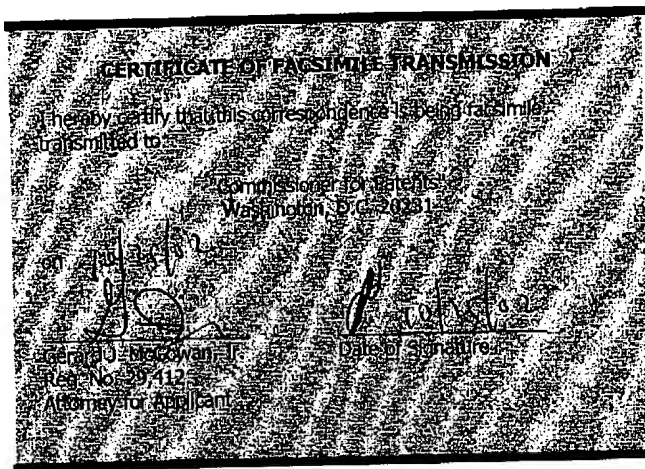
[X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;

[X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002, a one month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please amend the application as follows: